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Senator Sikkema Names New Deputy Director for Appropriations

Michelle Lange joining Senate majority leader's staff

Lansing - Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema today announced the appointment of Michelle Lange as deputy director for appropriations.

Lange, who will take on her new position Jan. 1, 2005, is currently the legislative director for state Sen. Tony Stamas.

"Michelle will be a valuable member of the team because she has a wealth of experience in dealing with the state budget," said Sikkema, R-Wyoming.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Lange previously served as manager of the Stamas for Senate campaign and prior to that was a legislative aide for state Sen. Joel Gougeon.

Lange is replacing Chris Hackbarth who is leaving Sikkema's office to become policy director for incoming Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche.

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